



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Approve Fares for Cultural Homestay International (a Non-Profit Organization) Use of Transit Services for Calendar Years 2006 and 2007

MEETING DATE: August 2, 2006

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve fares for Cultural Homestay International's use of Transit Services for calendar years 2006 and 2007.

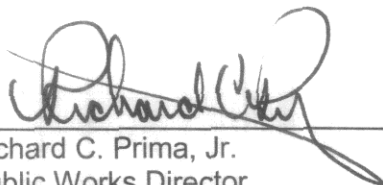
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the October 20, 2004 City Council meeting, transit fares for both Dial-A-Ride and Fixed Route were adopted effective January 1, 2005. In addition to the fare increase, the City Council allowed for contract pricing to non-profit organizations who administer transit grant programs at a rate not to be reduced by more than 50% and subject to approval by City Council on a case-by-case basis.

Staff has been approached by the sponsors of the local Japanese exchange student program to inquire if reduced rates may be available. The students are brought to Lodi through Cultural Homestay International and reside with families in Lodi for the duration of their stay. The program coordinators contacted staff due to the limited funding available to transport the students to different locations within Lodi. The students and advisors will be visiting a variety of locations throughout Lodi including the Salvation Army, the recycling plant, Lodi Lake and Tokay High School.

Staff is recommending that the City Council authorize the students to utilize the transit services during their entire stay at the 2004 rates: \$.50 for Fixed Route and \$2.00 for Dial-A-Ride. The students are scheduled to take nine outings requiring transit services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The reduced fares will reduce the amount of revenue the transit system receives for this service. The amount can be accommodated with the Transit fund. The estimated lost revenue from the reduced fares is \$200 each year.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: None required.


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